

National Invasive Species Act: H.R. 3217, amended, to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species into the waters of the United States.

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Order of Business: It was made in order that at any time to consider a conference report to accompany the bill H.R. 3666, that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived, and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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Expedited Procedures: By a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 425, the House agreed to H. Res. 525, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

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FAA Authorization: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill (except section 501) and the Senate amendment (except section 501) and the Senate amendment (except section 1001), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Clinger, Duncan, Oberstar, and Lipinski; from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of section 501 of the House bill and section 1001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Clinger, and Oberstar; as additional conferees from the Committee on Rules, for consideration of section 675 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dreier, Linder, and Beilenson; as additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 601–05 of the House bill, and section 103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Morella, and Brown of California; as additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 501 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Sensenbrenner, and Brown of California; as additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 501 of the House bill and sections 417, 906, and 1001 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Archer, Crane, and Gibbons.

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VA/HUD Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 426, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3666, mak-

ing appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 531, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order.

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Subsequently, agreed to the Arney motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 390 yeas to 11 noes with 7 voting "present", Roll No. 428).

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 532, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order.

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Subsequently, agreed to the Arney motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 173 noes with 9 voting "present", Roll No. 429).

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Legislative Program: Pursuant to H. Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress and agreed to earlier, Representative Goss announced measures for consideration under suspension of the rules for Wednesday, September 25.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure, S. 2101, to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H10769.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10936–37, H10969–70, H10970–71, H10971–72, and H10972. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 noon and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HATCH ACT AND RELATED LAW VIOLATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the Hatch Act and related

law violations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Grant Buntrock, Administrator; Randy Weber, Associate Administrator; Willie Cook, Director, Civil Rights and Small Business Development Staff, Chris Niedermayer, Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs, and Eric Shrader, Assistant to the Director, Management Services Division, all with the Farm Service Agency; Eugene Moos, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Wardell Townsend, Assistant Secretary, Administration; Ronald Blackley, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Legislative and Public Affairs, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; K. Rashid Nuri, Senior Advisor, Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Justice: John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and William Reukauf, Associate Special Counsel, Prosecution, Office of Special Counsel.

CITIZENSHIP USA

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Citizenship USA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice: Louis D. Crocetti, Associate Commissioner, Examinations; Tom Conklin, Deportations, Chicago; Diane Dobberfuhr, Ethel Ware and Joyce Woods, all with Adjudications, Chicago; James Humble-Snachez, Los Angeles and Nell Jacobs, Dallas, both with Investigations; Cora Miller, Adjudications, Las Vegas; Robin Lewis, Adjudications, Oklahoma City; and David Rosenberg, Director, Citizenship USA Programs.

TRADE PROMOTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE—ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held an oversight hearing on the Annual Report of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce.

UN: OFFICE OF SECRETARY GENERAL AND PROSPECTS FOR REFORM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on United Nations: the Office of Secretary General and the Prospects for Reform. Testimony was heard from Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. Testimony was heard from Col. Maynard K. Bean, (Ret.), Army National Guard Director, Commonwealth Challenge, State of Virginia; Col. Bill Crowson, Director, National Guard Youth Challenge and The Challenge Academy, State of Mississippi; Lt. Col. Michael D. Bedwell, Director, Youth Challenge Program, State of Oklahoma; Bob Hughes, Acting Director, Youth Challenge Program, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1997, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Combest and Representative Dicks.

CONFERENCE REPORT—IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Texas and Bryant of Texas.

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 4134, authorizing States to deny public education benefits to certain aliens not lawfully present in the United States, providing for consideration in the House for one hour equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule provides one moment to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Gallegly.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES AND RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 1931, to provide that the U.S. Post Office building that is to be located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, TN, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton Post Office and Courthouse";

H.R. 4042, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, NY, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; H.R. 4119, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, GA, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and H.R. 4113, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes, United States Courthouse."

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: 2 11(b); 7 construction; and 17 lease.

Joint Meetings

IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D956)

H.R. 740, to confer jurisdiction on the United States Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe. Signed September 18, 1996. (P.L. 104-198)

H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage. Signed September 21, 1996. (P.L. 104-199)

H.R. 4018, to make technical corrections to the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982. Signed September 22, 1996. (P.L. 104-200)

H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed September 23, 1996. (P.L. 104-201)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the impact of the Bosnian elections and the deployment of U.S. military forces to Bosnia and the Middle East, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on International Finance, to hold hearings to examine the release of the Fourth Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee annual report, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to the study of Mars, 9:30 a.m., SR-236.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on aviation safety issues, focusing on treatment of families after airline accidents, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 987, to provide for the full settlement of all claims of Swain County, North Carolina, against the United States under the agreement dated July 30, 1943, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3815, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine prospects for peace, security, and economic development in Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, to hold oversight hearings on the regulatory review activities of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to resume hearings to examine White House access to FBI background summaries, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the role of the Department of Justice in implementing the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence, on the Department of Defense and Intelligence reports of U.S. military personnel exposures to chemical agents during the Persian Gulf War, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

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Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the phase out of the Navajo/Hopi relocation program, 1:30 p.m., SR-485.